

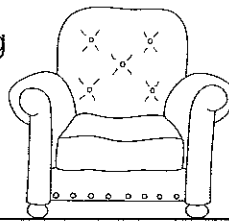
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# Ways to Support Your {Middle grade reader}

I know that sometimes you just want ideas for how to help your reader. Here are some of the best research-based ideas to help your middle grade learner improve their reading abilities outside of school. Better yet, they are all very simple and inexpensive!

## Read

There are multiple positive effects of students being read to and students seeing their family read. If we want our learners to read, we have to walk the walk. By reading, your learner builds positive associations with reading, is willing to take reading risks, and is exposed to significantly more vocabulary.



## Vocabulary

"The number one indicator of student success is vocabulary." The more students read, the larger their vocabulary, and then the more texts they can understand and apply. The following games are fun, and great for vocabulary:

- Pictionary
- Charades
- Headbanz
- Scrabble

## Listen

We are all SO busy, and that can make it difficult to find time to sit and read every night. Audio books are such a great way for students to listen to fluent reading, experience great books, and still get reading time in. Some great places for audio books:



- Overdrive
- iTunes
- Audible

## Books & Books

Books! Books! Books! Exposing your learner to books, in ways that show how awesome books and reading are, is one of the best ways to Develop their love of reading. Go to:

- The Library
- Barnes & Noble
- Used book stores
- Amazon.com
- Scholastic Orders



## Choice

Research continually shows us that, "Independent reading is the best predictor of reading achievement and also the best predictor of the amount of gains in reading." Research also constantly points to the "Power of Choice." Let them choose what they read, and eventually, your learner will know what books they like and how to choose books they will read.